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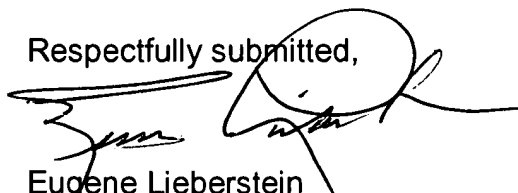
The Examiner has indicated that the amendment filed on August 25, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior office action based upon the allegation that the range for MCR as taught in Table 4 in the specification is limited to 1.1 to 3.2×10^{-9} /s at 150°C and that the tensile yield strength (TYS) in Table 4 supports only a range of 145 to 182. In response, applicant has amended claim 1 to limit the range for the minimum creep rate (MCR) to a range at 150°C of from 1.1 to 3.2×10^{-9} /s and has amended the tensile yield strength (TYS) to a range of from 145 to 182 MPa at ambient temperature.

Accordingly, the current amendment of the claims in addition to applicants' amendment dated August 25, 2005 should render the reply responsive to the prior office action and should place the application in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 4-8, 12 and 14 is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner require any further amendments to the claims, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney of record to facilitate allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

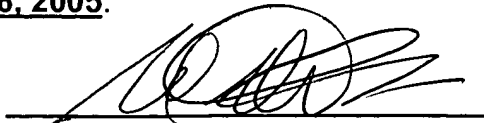


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